

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1723 without my signature.

By mandating employee benefits that are normally considered optional, this bill would establish a troubling precedent at a time when California should be looking to reduce mandates on employers in an effort to keep existing businesses in the state and encourage others to return. Offering direct deposit to an employee should be between the employer and the employee.

For this reason, I cannot sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger